A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) No such proposals are under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" May I know whether the hon. Minister does not consider that the Excise Advisory Committees are quite useless ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" It is a matter on which each one has got his own opinion. I am not in a position to say so; nor have I the materials to come to the conclusion whether they are useless or not."

Adulteration of Food stuffs

Working of the Madras Food Adulteration Act of 1918.

* 1215 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) why the Madras Food Adulteration Act of 1918 has not yet been brought into operation;

(*b*) whether the Health Officer of the City of Madras has reported that no effective control over the sale and exposure for sale of articles of food and drink will be possible until the Act is brought into force; and

(*c*) when the Government propose to bring the Act into operation in Madras City and to which municipalities they propose to extend it ?

A.—(*a*) The question of extending the provisions of the Act to municipal areas has been under correspondence with certain municipal councils.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The proposal to extend the Act from 1st April 1929 to the Madras Corporation and to the areas under the following municipalities is awaiting the sanction of Government to the staff necessary to help the Public Analyst :—

(1) Ootacamund ; (2) Madura ; (3) Guntur ; (4) Rajahmundry ; (5) Coimbatore ; (6) Calicut ; (7) Vizagapatam ; (8) Trichinopoly.

Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" May I know why for the last so many years the Madras Food Adulteration Act of 1918 has not been brought into operation ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" The question of deciding to which of the municipal areas the Act should be extended and also the question of appointing a competent staff to look after the duties—all these things do take time and hence the delay."

Medical

Re-organization of the medical service.

* 1216-A *Q.*—Dr. B. S. Mallayya : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) what effect has been given to the Government of India Order on the Lee Commission Report in respect of the re-organization of the medical services ; and

(*b*) whether there are any districts now reserved for European I.M.S. officers as per the above order to which no such officers have been posted ?